



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 201

LCO No. 1503

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
SEN. CALIGIURI, 16th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICABILITY OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TO GROUP HOMES AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 1-200 of the general statutes be amended to provide
- 2 that any group home or residential facility receiving state aid and
- 3 licensed by, or under contract with, the Department of Children and
- 4 Families, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Mental
- 5 Health and Addiction Services or the Department of Developmental
- 6 Services shall be deemed to be the functional equivalent of a public
- 7 agency and subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information
- 8 Act. Any records relating to the conduct of such a group home's
- 9 business shall be subject to disclosure under said act.

Statement of Purpose:

To acknowledge that state funded group homes perform an important government function and that the public has a right to know how such homes are being managed and operated under the purview of the Freedom of Information Act.